

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed☐ A translation of the international application into

, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished☒ the description:

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☒ the claims:

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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Box No. V		Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;	
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims 1-41	YES	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-41	YES	NO
	Claims	YES	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-41	YES	NO
	Claims	YES	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Novelty and Inventive Step

EP 1 006 585 discloses a three colour detection pixel sensor comprising a top doped p+ layer contacted by an N-well beneath, and P-substrate beneath that in turn. Electrical gate contacts on the top surface contact both sides of the p+ region and the N-well and P-substrate in turn to allow current to flow when each layer detects a certain colour wavelength.

US 5 965 875 discloses a three colour sensor with three stacked n-p-n- levels with a possible fourth doped p region below again. Electrical contacts are placed in contact with the regions to determine current flowing due to impinging light.

SU 1689768 discloses a three pn junction colorimetric sensor one above another which use photocurrents induced by a particular wavelength in each level.

JP 07-038136 discloses a photodetective element composed of pn junctions different to each other in wavelength selectivity to induce a current proportional to the light detected.

None of the cited art discloses two junctions with a connecting material between the junctions. Therefore claims 1-41 can be said to be novel and to have an inventive step.

The claims are directed to manufacturing and therefore can be said to Industrially applicable.